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LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF SILK IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether any proposal for promotion of silk has been submitted by the Government of Assam to the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) the time by which it is likely to be cleared; and

(d) the manner in which the Government contemplates to market it abroad?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) (b) & (c): Yes Sir. Department of Sericulture, Government of Assam has sent proposals with a total cost of Rs.356.62 lakhs, under Catalytic Development Programme for the current financial year 2006-07. These proposals could not be considered as the State has not furnished the utilization progress and certificate in respect of funds released by Central Silk Board during the year 2005-06.

In addition to the above, Central Silk Board has been implementing cluster development project from 2005-06 for development of Muga and Eri silks in two clusters viz. Udalguri (for Eri sericulture development) and Goalpara (for Muga sericulture development) of Assam State. The Director of Sericulture, Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC), Kokarajhar, Assam has also proposed a Project for Development of Muga and Eri Silk industry in Bodoland Territorial Autonomous District (BTAD) for implementation during the years 2006-07 to 2007-08 at a total cost of Rs. 2,750.10 lakhs. Out of this, Central Silk Board's assistance under Catalytic Development Programme is Rs.366.47 lakhs for establishment of TCIDS at Kokarajhar in Assam. The Project was launched during September 2005 and the Central Silk Board had already released its share of funds amounting to Rs.197.81 lakhs during the year 2005-06 to cover 1000 beneficiaries under Eri sector and 500 beneficiaries under Muga sector.

Presently the Project is under progress.

(d): The State of Assam produces mainly Muga and Eri silks. These silks are marketed mainly in the domestic markets. The quantity (provisional) of Muga and Eri Silks (mixed blended) exported from the country during the year 2004-05 is 219.719 M.T. and during 2005-06 is 357.734 M.T.